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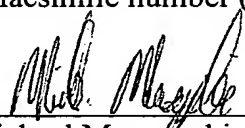
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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION
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Sir:

In response to the official action dated October 8, 2004, the applicants hereby elect Species I identified in the official action, without prejudice.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-8 read on Species I. It is also submitted that claim 1 is generic to Species I and II.

Respectfully submitted,

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